

SaMS: Discussion Questions for 2nd Traditional BMPs Workgroup Meeting

Application Rate Questionnaire:

1. Should we summarize the data and try to compare/contrast the various rates?
2. Is there any necessary follow up on the information? If so, what and why?

Other Application Rate Materials:

- Salt Institute Thoughts on Application Rates:
 1. Last meeting there was a request for salt application rate targets – how does this perspective (i.e., less prescriptive and more adaptive) support or help further refine that request?
 2. Does this approach reflect similar approaches already in place, and if not, do you see any benefits or drawbacks to implementing this approach?
- Sexton Thesis Summary (focus on application rates):
 1. Understanding that the Non-Traditional BMPs workgroup will tackle contracting BMPs, how can we take the results of this study to inform our recommendations around application rates?

George Washington Memorial Parkway BMPs:

1. Other workgroups requested knowing BMPs already being used locally. For workgroup members managing snow and ice, which GWMP BMPs do you currently use or are planning to implement? Offer thoughts on your experiences and plans.
2. Considering our plans to provide “pros” and “cons” of each BMP, what do you think of the format of this BMP resource? Are there elements/characteristics of this document that we can pull into our BMP list/guide?

Resources shared by Snow and Ice Management Co.

1. What experience do programs have using assessment tools like the Smart About Salting Self-Assessment tool?

DEQ Developed List of BMPs:

1. Do we want to provide “pros” and “cons” for each of these BMPs? If not, how should we go about grouping or determining what BMPs we plan to recommend?
2. Do the categories of BMPs (1-6) work for operations, or is there a better way to organize them?
 - a. Should we adjust these categories to meet the 3 tiers of audiences we identified (Decision makers, supervisors, and applicators)?
 - b. Alternately, can the different audience needs be addressed with a targeted introductory message/framing (perhaps could work for Decision Makers and Supervisors)?
 - c. Offer thoughts on how the list could be presented most effectively for applicators

Recommendations Scoping (to start the discussion):

- Application Rates:
 - a. What next steps should be taken to make something useful from what we have now?
 - b. Should we prepare recommendations for regionally consistent application rates for NoVA? Alternately, would a more varied/dynamic recommendation to draw from others’ existing application rates serve our needs?
 - c. Is there a preference for recommending approaches like the Salt Institute perspective? If not, what approaches are more favorable?
- BMPs:
 1. In addition to addressing the 3 tiers of audiences, we discussed having tailored communication of BMPs for public versus private entities. After seeing the BMPs, how would a BMP resource for the private sector differ from that for public agencies? Are there priority BMPs we want to highlight or propose as good first steps?